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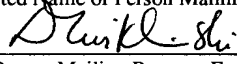
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REMARKS


None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not provided of references previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/815,697, filed March 23, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

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	AB	6,347,422	02/2002	Heavrin			
	AC	6,038,721	03/2000	Gordon			
	AD	5,934,754	08/1999	Raffa			
	AE	5,890,244	04/1999	Cartwright et al.			
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	AH	5,700,053	12/1997	Downing			
	AI	5,481,772	01/1996	Glynn et al.			
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	AM	2136280	09/1984	Great Britain			
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